I am Charles Stander. I reside in SD 64A.

I would like to add my comment to a bill to allow Medicare Recipients to opt out of Managed Care Organizations.

Please support HF 540, the freedom choose bill. This Medicaid bill would allow Medicaid recipients to select their Medical providers. They could Opt out of assigned Managed Care Organizations/MCOs.

Here DHS would pay the Medical Bill. We would then have access of the costs that I, as a taxpayer pay for Medicaid Recipients.

Most Medicaid recipients are currently marshaled into managed care organizations. These programs dictate the provider net works. There is a certain arrogance that low income people must be managed for services. We do not know the costs Managed Care Organizations pay to Health Care Providers? Nor do we know the profit margins of the corporate MCOs.

Being assigned to a net work of providers create difficulties for the Medicare recipients. Why should we not allow Medicare Recipients choose their providers? Is not the freedom to choose an American value?

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